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Gentlemen:

For many years the United States Department of Agriculture Library and the Division of Fruit and Vegetable Crops and Diseases, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering have co-operated in building and maintaining a collection of the catalogs and other trade lists issued by nurserymen and seedsmen. Every catalog or list received is recorded and becomes a permanent part of the Library. The collection now numbers approximately 80,000 items. As a student's and research worker's collection, it is invaluable in investigations concerning the history, nomenclature, characteristics and distribution of varieties. It is also in constant use in answering inquiries as to where plant material may be obtained and regarding varieties being introduced to the trade. The collection as a whole is available to the public for reference use, and the information in it is made readily accessible by means of indexes.

In order that this collection may be kept up to date and as complete as possible, we wish to obtain all trade catalogs and lists of fruits, vegetables, and ornamentals as issued. Will you kindly send us your catalog, price lists or other similar material of the current year? It will also be appreciated if you will place our address (Librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.) on your permanent mailing list to receive your annual catalog and other publications as issued.

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Very truly yours,


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